

## 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010

RESULTS: Derrynane/Sneem 1-10 Skellig Rangers 0-10

New trainer, Linus Burke, got off to a winning start and professed himself happy to have got a victory in his first match in charge of Sneem/Derrynane against Skellig Rangers in the third game of the South Kerry League.

John O'Shea, who gave an outstanding performance at midfield, got the first point from play to level the scores after three minutes. It was also his breaking ball that led to Ronan Hussey getting the second point and after Skellig Rangers levelled, Darren Breen came storming through to score a fine point, making it three points to two for Sneem/Derrynane. Joe Corridan and Ronan Hussey both pointed to leave the scores 0-5 to 0-5 at half-time.

The half-time talk seemed to galvanise Sneem/Derrynane who came out with a new focus and coherence and scored three points without reply from John O'Shea, Ronan Hussey and Ian Galvin. Rangers then cut the lead to a point. Then a fine move saw Ian Galvin's goal-bound shot superbly saved by the Skellig's keeper but Jimmy Brien got the goalie's deflection and lashed the ball to the roof of the net to put Sneem/Derrynane ahead by 1-8 to 0-7. John O'Shea was again instrumental in creating this score. Derek Shea, who was in imperious form at full back, had to go off injured and was a big loss in defence for Sneem/Derrynane. After that, a misplaced Hussey pass was again punished by a Rangers point, but Ronan quickly made amends with a fine individual point at the other end. Next, Mike O'Connor, making an impressive senior debut, fed the now rampant Ian Galvin, who put over a fine point, leaving Sneem/Derrynane in control. However, Ronan Hussey inexplicably chose to pass a kickable free which was taken by the opposition and only a stunning save from Richard White, who gave a very assured performance throughout, prevented them from scoring a crucial goal that could have turned the game. Under fierce pressure Sneem/Derrynane hung on for victory.

This win was a good boost for the players and new trainer and sent the vocal travelling support home in happy mood.